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Upcoming Swiss Cultural Events in New Zealand

(As indicated by the Swiss Embassy, Wellington)

The Abbey of St. Gall: A Cultural Center

Wellington **17 April - 10 May 1998**
Wellington Central Library
Victoria Street, Wellington Central.
(see article in this issue)

Auckland **21 May - 21 June 1998**
Auckland City Library
44-46 Lorne Street, Auckland

Mario Botta Architecture 1980 - 95

A photographic retrospective of the work of the famous Swiss architect, Mario Botta, during the period 1980 - 1995.

Wellington **6 - 24 July 1998**
Faculty of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington
139 Vivian Street
Wellington

Auckland **31 July - 21 August 1998**
Faculty of Architecture, The University of Auckland Architecture Building, 26 Symonds street, Auckland

"Joli n'a qu'un oeil"

This photographic exhibition of two Swiss photographers, Anne-marie Grobet and Charles Weber, is part of the *Fotofest 98* exhibition. The two photographers both swap images of the countryside in the way that travellers swap tales.

Wellington **1 - 8 August 1998**
Wellington Festival Convention Centre, Wakefield Street
Wellington Central



THE ABBEY OF ST. GALL : A CULTURAL CENTRE

In Wellington from 17 April - 10 May 1998
and in Auckland from 21 May - 21 June 1998

This touring exhibition is an attempt to survey through the use of models, photographs, facsimiles, and replicas of charters, seals, maps, plans and manuscripts, the cultural heritage of the Abbey of St. Gall, Switzerland, as preserved in its various museums, libraries and archives.

- The famous baroque Abbey of St. Gall was founded in 612AD by Gallus, an itinerant monk, and between 750AD and the early-mid 1800s the Abbey was a leading centre for culture and learning with an emphasis on architecture, music, book script, translations and theology.
- The baroque library and the abbey church represent a high point in the culture of monastic architecture. Since 1983 the baroque and rococo precinct of the Abbey of St. Gall with its world-renowned Abbey Library, and the Abbey Archives which are more than 1200 years old, have been listed in the UNESCO catalogue of cultural treasures of the world.
- The Archives of the Abbey of St. Gall are jointly owned by the Canton of St. Gall and the Catholic community of the Canton, and contain the legal and administrative records of the former Abbey of St. Gall from about 750AD to its secularisation in 1805. Altogether there are some 20,000 original charters, more than 2500 manuscripts, and countless other documents. From the period before the year 1000 alone, there are more than 700 parchment charters of gifts to the Abbey and nearly 100 Carolingian and Ottonian royal diplomas.

- The exhibition is prepared by the Abbey Archives of St. Gall (Switzerland) with support from the Canton of St. Gall, the Roman Catholic Community of the Canton of St. Gall, the City of St. Gall, Pro Helvetia-Arts Council of Switzerland, the Swiss Fund of the National Celebration Pro Patria, and The Moving Company (New Zealand).

Triple Gold for Swissair in Industry Poll Results

Swissair has earned three more top awards for the quality of its service product. The Best Short-Haul Airline and Best Short-Haul Business Class awards came from the London-based Executive Travel magazine. Swissair has often topped the Executive Travel list, having won several of the magazine's prestigious distinctions over the past few years. Executive Travel is one of the UK's top business travel magazines and

its annual awards are based on the finding and opinions of a special "flight check team" composed of frequent-flyer readers and editorial staff.

The Best European Airline for Business Travel was received at the *Trophées de l'Aérien* awards in Paris - a new series of awards bestowed by the French travel trade on the best airlines serving Paris.

And some statistics: Swissair flies 13 times daily between Zurich and Geneva. The Airline will shortly have

36 state-of-the-art ecofriendly twinjet Airbuses operating on its European network. During the upcoming summer schedules, together with joint operations with its airline partners, Swissair will serve 152 destinations in 78 countries, including 27 weekly flights to or from New York, four daily between Zurich and Frankfurt, five non-stop services between San Francisco and Zurich per week, and after a break of several years, a reinstatement of three weekly flights to Jakarta via Singapore.